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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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Application No.: U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP99/01327

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Docket No.: 104741

For: THIN FILM PATTERNING SUBSTRATE AND SURFACE TREATMENT  
THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-7, 9-11, 17, 23, 25, 27, 33, 44, 48, 54-58, 60, 62, 66-69 and 72

as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

Claim 4, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 9, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--.

Claim 10, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 1 to 9" to --claim 1--.